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SUBJECT: IMCO EXTRAORDINARY ASSEMBLY: OPENING

1. IMCO 5TH EXTRAORDINARY ASSEMBLY, CONVENED TO CONSIDER CONVENTION AMENDMENTS TO ENLARGE COUNCIL AND MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE AND TO CONSIDER FURTHER CONVENTION AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY FRANCE, OPENED OCTOBER 16 WITH 64 MEMBER STATES REGISTERED. (PRESENT IMCO TOTAL MEMBERSHIP IS 87.) ASSEMBLY DECIDED WITHOUT OBJECTION TO PROCEED FIRST WITH RECOMMENDATIONS OF AD HOC WORKING GROUP, AND THEREAFTER TO TAKE UP MORE EXTENSIVE AMENDMENT PROPOSALS OF FRANCE.

2. CYPRUS HAS CIRCULATED NOTE TO EFFECT THAT TURKISH CLOSURE OF SEA AREAS IN AUGUST WAS UNILATERAL AND ARBITRARY ACTION IN FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF CUSTOMARY AND CONVENTIONAL INTERNATIONAL LAW, U.N. CHARTER AND ARTICLE 1B OF IMCO CONVENTION. ASSEMBLY AGREED OVER TURKISH OBJECTION TO INSCRIBE ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION LATER IN ASSEMBLY. TURKISH DELEGATION THEREUPON CIRCULATED NOTE STATING TURKEY HAD ACTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH TRIPARTITE AGREEMENT, AND POINTING OUT RESTRICTIONS LIFTED AUGUST 16 AND AUTHORITIES CONCERNED ALL NOTIFIED.
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CYPRUS WILL ASK ASSEMBLY TO ADOPT RESOLUTION FINDING

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TURKEY IN VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS, AND URGING TURKEY TO ABIDE BY IMCO CONVENTION AND NOT REPEAT SUCH ACTION IN FUTURE. ASSEMBLY EXPECTED TO TAKE UP QUESTION LATER OCTOBER 18.

3. PORTUGUESE EMBASSY LONDON REQUESTED RIGHT FOR PORTUGAL (WHICH IS NOT IMCO MEMBER) TO BE PRESENT AS OBSERVER. PREVIOUS IMCO ASSEMBLY HAD SUSPENDED THIS RIGHT FOR PORTUGAL. AFTER OVERNIGHT DELAY TO PERMIT LDC CONSULTATION, ASSEMBLY GRANTED OBSERVER RIGHTS TO PORTUGAL BY CONSENSUS DECISION OCTOBER 17.
4. GROUP 77 HAS MET TWICE AND REACHED CONCLUSION ITS COLLECTIVE INTERESTS BEST SERVED BY ADOPTION BY PRESENT ASSEMBLY SIMPLY OF AD HOC WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNCIL AND MSC EXPANSIONS, WITH MORE COMPLEX AMENDMENT PROPOSALS OF FRANCE (AND OTHERS RECEIVED AT ASSEMBLY) DEFERRED FOR FURTHER STUDIES. PROSPECT FOR ASSEMBLY TREATMENT OF THESE DISCUSSED SEPTEL.

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